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SUBJECT:KHMER IN 28TH GA: AUSTRALIAN POSITION

REF: A) CANBERRA 6514; B) USUN 6250

1. IN CONTINUED ABSENCE AMBASSADOR PLIMSOLL, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER TOOK UP WITH FERNANDEZ AUSTRALIAN POSITION ON DEFERMENT TACTICS RE KHMER QUESTION IN UNGA.

2. SNEIDER SAID THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT GOA INTENDED TO ABSTAIN ON DEFERMENT VOTE. FERNANDEZ CONFIRMED THESE WERE CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS TO AUSTRALIAN UN DELEGATION, ON GROUNDS THIS WAS PROCEDURAL ISSUE. SNEIDER EXPRESSED USG GREAT CONCERN AT THIS DEVELOPMENT, STATING THAT FROM USG VIEWPOINT, KHMER VOTE IN UN IS "CRITICAL" AND CRUNCH ISSUE. EFFECT OF ABSTENTION ON DEFERMENT WOULD BE TO GIVE SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT TO GRUNK. DEFERMENT, IF AWG CHOOSES THIS COURSE, THEREFORE, VERY MUCH SUBSTANTIVE MATTER. -
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SNEIDER ALSO URGED GOA TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACC8UNT VIEWS OF OTHER ASIAN NATIONS ON THIS ISSUE, GIVEN WHITLAM'S DESIRE TO CULTIVATE GOA'S ASIAN NEIGHBORS.

3. FERNANDEZ PROBED AS TO AFFECT GOA POSITION MIGHT HAVE
ON FORTHCOMING VISIT OF DEFMIN BARNARD. SNEIDER
REITERATED THAT THIS COULD AFFECT USG ATTITUDES "TOWARDS"

VISIT.

4. FERNANDEZ INDICATED AMBASSADOR GREEN WOULD PROBABLY
BE CALLED IN SHORTLY ON CAMBODIA. WHETHER OR NOT
AMBASSADOR CALLED IN, SUGGEST EMBASSY FOLLOW UP ABOVE
APPROACH SOONEST. KISSINGER

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